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I can help 3RFS with:

- Refreshments at concerts
- Taking admission at events
- Serve on Board of Directors
- Demonstrating folk arts
- Tumbleweed Music Festival
- Setting up chairs
- Folding newsletters
- Publicity
- Membership
- Other
- Fund raising
- Coffeeshouses
- Song circles

Send check to: Three Rivers Folklife Society, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352.

Social Success!

Since beginning our Tumbleweed Instagram feed (@tweedmusicfest), our engagement rate on the Tumbleweed Music Festival Facebook page (where pictures are automatically cross-posted) has increased in some cases by

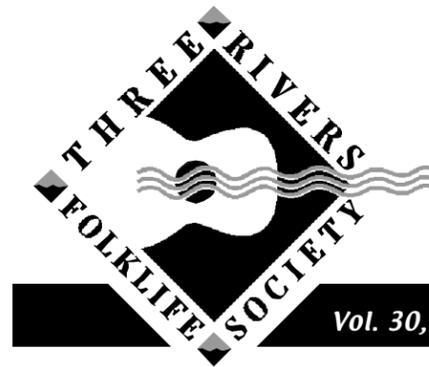
over 200%! On Instagram itself, we are beginning to get more likes and followers from outside our "traditional" audience, and from out of town! We are currently running a series of "Tumbleweed Rewind" posts, featuring pictures from past festivals. These run at a rate of about 3 per week, dependent on per-

missions from performers pictured (we did not formerly include a media release in performer applications.) If you would like to have your photos appear in our picture library, please drop a line to davidmcarson14@gmail.com, and we'd be pleased to add them! Remember to like, comment, and share!

Help us promote 3RFS where the most people will see it. *Thanks!*

Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk



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May 2019

Hank Cramer & Dan Maher CD Release Concert

Saturday, 4 May 7:30 PM

Hank Cramer and Dan Maher are not new to each other or to 3RFS, but they will be introducing their new duo CD at their May 3RFS concert!

Hank Cramer is one of the best-loved folksingers in the American West. He is widely known for his booming bass voice, smooth picking on a vintage flat-top guitar, and his wry sense of humor. He has a repertoire of over a thousand modern and traditional songs, spanning the genres of celtic, appalachian, maritime, cowboy, and plain old folk music. He is more than simply a performer, however. He is a historian and educator who weaves music and history into presentations which bring to life the rich story of America's westward movement, and give his audiences insight into the "folk process" by which traditional songs evolve and change to describe new events.

Hank's music has garnered professional recognition in the music indus-

try. He has been selected to receive the Humanities Washington Award for 2011. Heartland Public Radio named his recording of "My Sweet Wyoming Home" to the Top Five Cowboy Songs of 2007. Texas Public Radio "Random Routes" listed two of Hank's songs in their Top Twenty of 2007, while Northwest Public Radio's "Inland Folk" chose his CD "Songs From Maurie's Porch" as one of the Top Ten Folk Albums of 2006.

Back in 1982, a young broadcasting student and musician answered KPBX's call for volunteer folk music hosts. Dan Maher is still host of Inland Folk 35 years later.

Dan Maher originally fell in love with folk music as a teenager growing up in Spokane. A celebrated musician, he actually began his career in music during his college years at Washington State University, performing covers of the Eagles and Neil Young. His love for folk eventually led to his involvement with public radio as the host of what has come to be the week-

ly three-hour folk music radio show, Inland Folk. He is his own producer, editor and engineer for the show.

If Dan's only gift to music was his radio show, it would be enough. But Dan is a performer in his own right. For decades he has shared energetic performances of pub songs, ballads, Celtic music, cowboy tunes, and novelty hits (like Cat Fox's "Chipmunk With a Death Wish.") Sitting in front of a mic, rocking to the beat, his guide dog curled beside him, Dan is a familiar sight at festivals and concerts all around the region, often to benefit a non-profit organization like Northwest Public Radio or the Tumbleweed Music Festival.

This concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$14 general admission and \$12 3RFS members, either in advance at The Bookworm in Kennewick and Octopus' Garden in Richland, or at the door.

A Potluck, A Vote and All Open Mic

Friday, 10 May, Potluck 6:00 PM

Elections and Open Mic 7:30 PM

An evening to enjoy all open mic entertainment will take place in conjunction with our Three Rivers Folklife Society Annual Meeting. Three Rivers Folklife Society is a membership organization with a 501c 3 status. To maintain this status, we are required to have an annual meeting each year to elect officers and give a financial report to our members. This year's annual meeting will be at All Saints'

Episcopal Church (coffeeshop venue.) Apotluck dinner begins at 6:00 PM. You can bring a main dish, salad, or dessert. We will provide drinks, plates and utensils. The potluck will be followed by our annual meeting. We will follow the meeting with entertainment which will be an evening of open mic performances.

This event is free. If you are not a current Three Rivers Folklife member, you are welcome to join at the door. Annual membership fee is \$25 for families, \$20 for individuals. All Saints' is at 1322 Kimball Ave., in

Richland. Prospective performers can reserve a spot by calling Micki Perry at 509-783-9937 or sign up at the door.

2019-2020 Slate of Officers

Jim Kelly, - President (incumbent): Jim has lived in Richland since 1984, and enjoys being retired. He works in the yard, camps, and enjoys canoeing. Jim's community involvement includes apprising Destination Imagination teams at competitions. He also coordinates 3RFS's relationship with Humanities Washington Community Lecture Series.

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Nancy Ostergaard, – Vice-President (incumbent): Nancy is the volunteer coordinator for 3RFS; hers is the sweet voice on the phone asking you to bring cookies to the next concert. She has served on the Board in various positions for a number of years.
Frank Cuta – Secretary (incumbent): Frank has been active in 3RFS for ages, and has served in various positions. He provides sound amplification at concerts and at the music festival. He also serves on the Tumbleweed planning committee. When not volunteering you might find him with a glass of red wine and his guitar leading songs at the monthly sing alongs.
Gene Carbaugh – Treasurer (incumbent): Gene has successfully coordinated the Tumbleweed Music Festival. He also lends his voice to numerous Mid-Columbia Musical Theatre presentations, where he has served on the board and as business manager.
Micki Perry – Member at Large (incumbent): A founding member of 3RFS, Micki Perry has been the booking agent for 3RFS for the past 30+ years. She has served on the Board in various positions and she hosts the First Friday Folkie Free-For-All. Outside of 3RFS she gardens, reads, quilts, and spends time with her 7 grandchildren.
Bob Lewis – Member at Large (incumbent): Bob is a member of the Computer Science faculty at WSU Tri-Cities. He is a big folk music fan and has attended Folklife in Seattle since 1987 and every Tumbleweed except one. He has also managed the 3RFS membership database.
Terri Widergren – Member at Large (incumbent): Terri and her family moved to the Tri-Cities 2001. They were amazed at the ease of attending Tumbleweed after their Folklife experiences in Seattle and they were hooked! Terri boards horses in Rancho Reata and enjoys providing Cranio-Sacral Therapy by donation through Good Samaritan Ministries. Backpacking, dancing and bluegrass festivals are some of her favorite things. Terri has been the driving force behind the 3RFS Contra dance program.

Jim Honeyman – Member at Large (incumbent): Jim has lived in Richland since 1975. He plays guitar and mandolin, and is a co-founder of the Badger Mountain Dry Band. Jim met John and Micki Perry to produce the Downriver Bluegrass Festival for Richland's Sunfest Association. This led to the formation of the 3RFS in 1987. Jim was a charter board member of 3RFS. Write-ins are also welcome. Contact Connie Eckard at 947-3614 or email at connie_eckard@msn.com if you are interested in serving on the board.

Contra Corner-Summer Edition

Saturday, 18 May, 7:00 PM

We had a fun-filled and successful Beginner's Contra Dance Workshop in April! If you missed the opportunity, have no fear, we're planning another for Friday, August 23, prior to our last summer contra dance. We will provide more details closer to the date.

Our May dance will be the first of our free 3RFS Summer Contra Dances under the Pavilion at Memorial Park located at 350 N. 14th Ave. in Pasco. The band in May is our local band, One More Tune and our caller is Seth Richards from Spokane. The dance begins with a Newcomer's Lesson at 6:00 PM and we encourage experienced dancers to come early to help out. The dance proper begins at 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM.

The remainder of our 3RFS Summer Contra Dance Series, co-sponsored by the City of Pasco, will be at the same location, and time as above.

Saturday, June 22 - Gone Fiddlin Again, Yakima; Catie York, Walla Walla

Friday, July 19 - Red Herring and Susan Dankovich from Spokane

Saturday, August 24 - Band TBD; Ric Goldman from Portland

We encourage you to dress in layers as evenings in early summer can be cool. The dance surface is concrete so wear shoes with good support. There are some chairs, but blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. See you there!

Just Folk House Concert

Friday, 17 May, 7:00 PM

Micki Perry will host Bellingham singer/songwriter/musicians Fl!p Breslin and Zeke Hoskin in a house concert at her house! Fl!p and Zeke met at a music camp in 1992 and married in 1998. Their concerts tend to have sections of musical ping pong alternating humorous songs by Zeke with serious songs by Fl!p. Zeke writes warped songs that other musicians love to sing and record, Some of his best known songs are the "Pi Day" song and "Bound for Valporizo in a Row Boat." He plays a wicked mandolin and alto and contra alto clarinet. Fl!p is a multi-instrumentalist and writes beautiful songs that point to ways people can fix the world. Her song "One Heart at a Time" was included in Rise Again, the newest edition of Rise Up Singing songbooks.

The cost is \$15 which includes refreshments. Micki's home is at 1011 S. Dawes St. in Kennewick. RSVP to Micki at 509-947-6735 to reserve a spot as seating is limited.

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Deadline for the August/September newsletter is July 15th.

Spring Clean for Tumbleweed!

It's time for spring cleaning and your surplus musical instruments and folk items can be a real boon for our music festival. Funds raised by the auction go directly to cover festival expenses. Hot auction items have included musical instruments of all kinds (we've had guitars, banjos, dulcimers, ukuleles, concertinas), musician accessories, and folk memorabilia. We are now seeking donations of items to include in this year's auction. Contact Gene Carbaugh at 946-0504 or email Tumbleweedchair@gmail.com if you have something you'd like to donate. And if helping plan an auction sounds intriguing, Gene would love to hear from you.

Tumbleweed Can Use Your Help!

Tuesday, 21 May, 6:30 PM

The Tumbleweed music festival cannot happen without a large number of volunteers. This year, however, we have an acute shortage of people who have signed up to help us put on the festival we all love.

This shortage extends not only to just the large group of people to do the basic work, but to the Team Leads for our volunteers who are absolutely vital to keep things on track, see that all positions are adequately staffed, and generally keep things moving along in the right direction.

Caleb Guyll, has stepped up to be Volunteer Coordinator, but we also need someone to handle the MC/ Stage support volunteers, and someone to take on the Info Booth volunteers.

Tumbleweed Planning Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month in the Richland Community Center "Wellness" room, at 6:30 pm. Tumbleweed success counts on all of us. So please, come and help us make sure it can happen!

Local Folk Events

May

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| 3 | First Friday Folkie Free-For All | 7:30 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 4 | Hank Cramer/Dan Maher Album Release Concert | 7:30 PM Sat | CUUC Richland |
| 10 | 3RFS Annual Meeting, All Open Mic Potluck Dinner | 7:30 PM Fri 6:00PM | All Saints Richland |
| 11 | 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong | 7:00 PM Sat | Round Table Pizza Richland |
| 13 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Gene Carbaugh's Richland |
| 17 | Just Folk House Concert | 7:00 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 18 | Zeke Hoskin and Fl!p Breslin Three Rivers Contra Dance | 7:00 PM Sat | Memorial Park Pasco |
| 21 | One More Tune/Caller Seth Richards Tumbleweed 2019 Planning Meeting | 6:30 PM Tues | Richland Community Center |

June

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| 7 | First Friday Folkie Free-For All | 7:30 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 8 | 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong | 7:00 PM Sat | Round Table Pizza, Richland |
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| 22 | Three Rivers Contra Dance | 7:00 PM Sat | Memorial Park Pasco |
| | Gone Fiddlin' Again/Caller Catie York | | |

July

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| 1 | Tumbleweed Vendor Applications are due | | Monday |
| 5 | First Friday Folkie Free-For All | 7:30 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 8 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Gene Carbaugh's Richland |
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August

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| 20 | Tumbleweed 2019 Planning Meeting | 6:30 PM Tues | Richland Community Center |
| 24 | Three Rivers Contra Dance | 7:00 PM Sat | Memorial Park Pasco |
| | Red Herring/Caller Susan Dankovich | | |

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 Gene Carbaugh's = 803 Birch St., Richland
 Memorial Park = 350 N. 14th Ave., Pasco
 Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick
 Richland Community Center = 500 Amon Park Dr., Wellness Room
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland

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